

Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–07), and the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110–10), after receiving testimony from John C. Rood, Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

### PRICE OF OIL

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the escalating price of crude oil, including S. 879, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Malone, BP America, John Hofmeister, Shell Oil Company, and John E. Lowe, ConocoPhillips, all of Houston, Texas; Peter J. Robertson, Chevron Corporation, San Ramon, California; and J. Stephen Simon, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, who was intro-

duced by Senators Schumer and Klobuchar, and Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, who were introduced by Senator Feinstein, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### VETERANS HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending veterans health care legislation, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; Gerald M. Cross, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, J. David Cox, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Cecelia McVey, Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs, and Sally Satel, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Joseph L. Wilson, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; Christopher Needham, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Kansas City, Missouri; Stanley Luke, Helping Hands Hawaii, Honolulu; Donna McCartney, National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Thomas J. Berger, Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 6104–6122; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86–87; H. Con. Res. 320; and H. Res. 1217, 1219 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4106, to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–663);

H.R. 4791, to amend title 44, United States Code, to strengthen requirements for ensuring the effectiveness of information security controls over information resources that support Federal operations and assets, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–664);

H.R. 5959, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the

Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–665); and

H. Res. 1218, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5658) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009 (H. Rept. 110–666).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Fred Lucci, Director, All Saints Catholic Newman Center, Arizona State University.

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**Budget Resolution for 2009—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to

199 yeas, Roll No. 342, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 186 yeas, Roll No. 341. **Pages H4341–46, H4348–49**

**Energy and Tax Extenders Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 6049, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief, by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 160 yeas, Roll No. 344. **Pages H4349–H4401**

Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 201 yeas to 220 yeas, Roll No. 343.

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H. Res. 1212, the rule providing for consideration of the measure, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 194 yeas, Roll No. 339, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 190 yeas, Roll No. 338.

**Pages H4330–37, H4346–47**

**Order of Procedure:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Monday, May 19, 2008:

*Recognizing the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems:* H. Con. Res. 300, to recognize the necessity for the United States to maintain its significant leadership role in improving the health and promoting the resiliency of coral reef ecosystems; **Page H4402**

*Directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean:* S. J. Res. 17, to direct the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H4402**

*Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958:* H. Con. Res. 325, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historical Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958; **Page H4402**

*Honoring the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial:* H. Res. 1074, to honor the 60th anniversary of the commencement of the carving of the Crazy Horse Memorial; **Page H4402**

*Goleta Water Distribution System Conveyance Act of 2008:* H.R. 3323, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District; **Page H4402**

*Supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month:* H. Con. Res. 334, amended, to support the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; **Page H4402**

*Honoring Arnold Palmer for his distinguished career in the sport of golf and his commitment to excellence and sportsmanship:* H. Res. 1152, amended, to honor Arnold Palmer for his distinguished career in the sport of golf and his commitment to excellence and sportsmanship; **Page H4402**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day:* H. Res. 1132, to support the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; **Page H4402**

*Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month:* H. Res. 1153, amended, to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; **Page H4402**

*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club:* H. Res. 1026, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; **Page H4402**

*Federal Electronic Equipment Donation Act of 2008:* H.R. 752, amended, to direct Federal agencies to donate excess and surplus Federal electronic equipment, including computers, computer components, printers, and fax machines, to qualifying small towns, counties, schools, nonprofit organizations, and libraries; and **Page H4402**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct Federal agencies to transfer excess Federal electronic equipment, including computers, computer components, printers, and fax machines, to educational recipients."

*Federal Real Property Disposal Enhancement Act of 2008:* H.R. 5787, amended, to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess. **Page H4402**

**Presidential Veto Message—Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008:** Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and explained his

reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–115). **Pages H4402–11**

Subsequently, the House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, by a yea-and-nay vote of 316 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 346 (two-thirds of those present voting to override). **Pages H4411–12**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, May 20th:

**Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008:** H.R. 3819, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to reimburse veterans receiving emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities for such treatment until such veterans are transferred to Department facilities, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 347; **Page H4412**

**Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008:** H.R. 5826, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2008, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 348; and **Page H4412–13**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008:** H.R. 5856, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 349. **Pages H4415–16**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5658, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2009. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H4416–32**

H. Res. 1213, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 340. **Pages H4337–41, H4447–48**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 19th:

**Crane Conservation Act of 2008:** H.R. 1771, amended, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of per-

sons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 304 yeas to 118 noes, Roll No. 345; **Page H4401**

**Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act:** H.R. 4841, amended, to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe and to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers; **Page H4401**

**Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week:** H. Res. 1137, to support the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week; **Page H4432**

**Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run:** H. Con. Res. 309, to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Page H4432**

**Supporting the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month:** H. Res. 339, amended, to support the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; **Page H4432**

**Recognizing the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation:** H. Con. Res. 305, to recognize the importance of bicycling in transportation and recreation; **Pages H4432–33**

**Let Our Veterans Rest in Peace Act of 2008:** H.R. 3480, amended, to direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate enhancements of those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans; **Page H4433**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate punishment enhancements for those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes." **Page H4433**

**Making technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis:** S. 2829, to make technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H4433**

*Extending for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates:* H.R. 5571, amended, to extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates; **Page H4433**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend for 5 years the program relating to waiver of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to international medical graduates, and for other purposes." **Page H4433**

*Expressing support for designation of April 2008 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism:* H. Res. 1106, to express support for designation of April 2008 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; **Page H4433**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month:* H. Res. 1124, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month; **Page H4433**

*Reducing maternal mortality both at home and abroad:* H. Res. 1022, amended, to reduce maternal mortality both at home and abroad; **Page H4433**

*Expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness, especially within minority communities:* H. Con. Res. 134, amended, to express the sense of the Congress that there should be established a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of mental illness, especially within minority communities; and **Page H4433**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month:* H. Res. 369, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month. **Pages H4433–34**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4326.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 431 was held at the desk and S. Con. Res. 79 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

**Pages H4325, H4459**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Ten yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4346–47, H4347, H4347–48, H4348–49, H4349, H4399–H4400, H4400–01, H4401, H4411, H4412, H4412–13, and H4415–16. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL REPORT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report: Foundations for Success. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BREAST CANCER RESEARCH/CARE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; and H.R. 758, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Deborah Winn, Associate Director, Epidemiology and Genetics Research Program, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Credit-Based Insurance Scoring on the Availability and Affordability of Insurance." Testimony was heard from Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Kevin McCarty, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Florida; George J. Keiser, Representative, State of North Dakota; and public witnesses.

### SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUNDS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Impacts on U.S. Foreign Policy and Economic Interests. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-ISRAEL-EGYPT RELATIONSHIP

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on the U.S.-Israel-Egypt Trilateral Relationship: Shoring Up the Foundation of Regional Peace. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.